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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

REF: STATE 120792

1. WELCOME PROPOSED VISIT OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS TO LUSAKA. NO ZAMBIAN HOLIDAYS FALL DURING JULY 18 - AUGUST 11 TIME PERIOD AND WE UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER MAJOR EVENTS SCHEDULED WHICH MIGHT INFLUENCE TIMING OF VISIT. MUST EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT SUMMER IS HEIGHT OF ZAMBIAN TOURIST SEASON AND LOCAL HOTEL CAPACITY ALREADY BECOMING TIGHT. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE SONEEST PRECISE DATES FOR ZAMBIAN VISIT SO AS TO NAIL DOWN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GROUP.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE ZAMBIANS ARE SENSITIVE TO VISITS BY US MILITARY PERSONNEL. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY WITH INCLUSION OF US MILITARY IN GROUP INVOLVING ACADEMICS, BUSINESSMEN, ETC. HOWEVER, WE WILL NEED CLEAR THIS POINT SPECIFICALLY WITH ZAMBIAN GOVT. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH SOUND OUT AMB MWALE. SUGGEST THAT WHEN WE GET DEPARTMENT GO-AHEAD TO SEEK ZAMBIAN APPROVAL FOR VISIT, THAT WE ALSO BE GIVEN NUMBER, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, AND WHITE HOUSE ASSIGNMENTS OF ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN PARTY.

3. SUBJECT TO VIEWS AMB WILKOWSKI, WE WOULD RECOMMEND VISIT TO LUSAKA BE PROGRAMMED FOR MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS. OUR TENTATIVE
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THINKING IS THAT PROGRAM HERE MIGHT TAKE FOLLOWING FORM:

FIRST DAY - EMBASSY BRIEFING ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION
MEETING(S) WITH SENIOR GRZ OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT
IF AVAILABLE

MEETING WITH ZAMBIAN ECONOMIC OFFICIAL(S) FOR BRIEFING ON
ZAMBIAN ECONOMY, INCLUDING ENERGY SITUATION.

SECOND DAY - VISIT COPPERBELT TO TOUR COPPER MINE AND POS-
SIBLY IDENA REFINERY AND ZAMTAN PIPELINE.

THIRD DAY - VISIT TO LIVINGSTONE AND VICTORIA FALLS (THIS COULD
OCCUR OVER WEEKEND IF NEED BE)
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